

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant graciously appreciates the Examiner noting that the subject matter of former Claim 29 appeared to comprise allowable subject matter.

Objections to the Drawings

Applicant has canceled Claims 19 and 20, without prejudice, thereby rendering the objections to the drawings moot. Applicant retains the right to represent such subject matter in the instant application, or in any continuing applications.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has canceled Claims 1, without prejudice, and retains the right to represent such subject matter in the instant application, or in any continuing applications.

Applicant has amended Claim 2 to properly depend from Claim 26. Applicant has further amended Claim 2 to provide clarity to the claim. Applicant's amendment of Claim 2 surrenders no subject matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 6 to properly depend from Claim 26. No subject matter has been surrendered.

Applicant has amended Claim 14 to properly depend from Claim 26. No subject matter has been surrendered.

Applicant has amended Claims 26 and 29 to clarify that the present invention is adapted to display at least one prize/object on a platform and that the means for securing are adapted to

secure and remove a prize/object from the platform; the prize/object is not fixed to the platform. Applicant has also amended Claim 26 to clarify that the present invention is an amusement game for awarding prizes. No subject matter has been surrendered.

The Rejection of Claims 1-17, 19-20 under 35 USC §112 (First Paragraph)

Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 19 and 20, without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicant retains the right to represent the subject matter of such claims in the instant application or any continuing applications.

The Rejection of Claims 1-17, 19-30 under 35 USC §112 (Second Paragraph)

The Examiner rejected the above identified claims as being vague and indefinite. More specifically, the Examiner was uncertain as to what was meant by "means for securing at least one prize/object arranged on a platform". Applicant has canceled Claim 1 and has amended independent Claims 26 and 29 to clarify that the means for securing and removing are adapted to secure and remove a prize/object from the game platform, e.g., by means of a claw assembly. Applicant respectfully submits that one having ordinary skill in the art would be reasonably apprised of the metes and bounds of the amended claims.

Reversal of the rejection is courteously requested.

The Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 13 and 26 under 35 USC §102

The Examiner rejected the above-identified claims as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,321,212 (Wadell).

Applicant has canceled Claim 1, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Applicant has amended Claim 26 to recite that the present invention includes means for awarding a prize. Wadell does not disclose means for awarding a prize.

Reversal of the rejection is courteously requested

The Rejection of Claims 9-10, 12, 14-17 under 35 USC §103

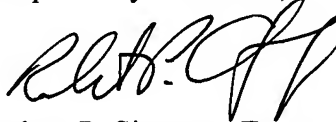
The Examiner rejected the above-identified claims as being obvious in view of the teachings of Wadell and U.S. Patent No. 6,234,487 (Shoemaker, Jr.).

Applicant has canceled Claim 1 thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted, -



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